

5. **Police Athletic League:**

The Police Department and the Department of Recreation, Parks and Open Space organize, sponsor and promote youth recreation activities citywide. For more information on the Police Athletic League, contact the Crime Prevention Unit and ask for the PAL Officer at 664-6901.

6. **Narcotics and Prostitution Reporting:**

Emergency: 9-1-1 Non-Emergency: 441-5610

In emergency cases, a uniformed patrol unit will be dispatched to the location as soon as possible. In non-emergency cases, the Vice and Narcotics Division will be notified to start an investigation of the situation, which may take several days to complete. To speak with an investigator about narcotics or prostitution related activity, call 664-7035. To report prostitution activity electronically, visit the Norfolk Police web site at [www.norfolk.gov/police/vice\\_and\\_Narcotics.asp](http://www.norfolk.gov/police/vice_and_Narcotics.asp)

8. **Bicycle Registration:**

Bicycles are inspected for safety and given a registration sticker that will be placed on the bike in a visible area so that it can be easily identified as being registered. Bicycle registration is required for all city residents who own bicycles. The purpose of it is so if bicycles are lost or stolen they can be returned to the rightful owner. Registration is free of charge and can be obtained at any of the patrol divisions.

**First Patrol Division: 664-7016**

**Second Patrol Division: 664-6900**

**Third Patrol Division: 823-4433**

9. **Norfolk Crime Line:**

This non-profit organization provides citizens an opportunity to prevent and reduce crime by calling the Norfolk Crime Line at 664-4040. Calls are not traced or recorded and callers do not have to give their names or testify in court. Callers can receive up to \$1,000 in cash if their information leads to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property or illegal narcotics.

**Public Information Office: 664-3298**

*Remember, if you need police assistance for a non-emergency situation, dial 441-5610. However, in case of an emergency, dial 9-1-1. Please keep these numbers handy.*



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# Norfolk Police Department



**Crime Prevention  
and  
Reduction Tips**

## BURGLARY PREVENTION AND REDUCTION

1. Truants are responsible for a substantial number of residential burglaries, thefts, and vandalism. Report all truants (persons under 18 years of age) promptly by calling the police dispatcher at 441-5610. You should give a complete description of the person. Also, please report all curfew violators by calling 441-5610. Norfolk's curfew hours for persons under 18 years of age are from 11:00 p.m.– 5:00 a.m. (unless accompanied by a parent or guardian). Curfew violators are responsible for a substantial number of commercial burglaries, thefts, and vandalism.

2. Install deadbolt locks for extra building security. Close and secure all doors and windows. This will help deter burglars.

3. Leave lights on at night, both in front and back of your house. Businesses should install adequate lighting on all sides of the building. A well-lit building is a deterrent to potential burglars. Create the impression that your home or business is occupied through the use of timers and outside lighting; use them liberally. Motion sensor lights are a good idea for outdoor lighting.

4. Both homes and businesses should have an alarm system. An alarm will usually frighten away potential burglars or alert a neighbor to call police or direct-dial your alarm company to alert police.

5. Keep shrubbery and trees trimmed to reduce opportunities for burglars to shield their criminal activities. Keep shrubs trimmed to 3-feet high, and keep branches trimmed up to 8-feet high.

6. Form a Neighborhood (or business) Watch program to get neighbors involved in the protection of your neighborhood and property. You can call the Crime Prevention Unit at 664-6901 to get a program started.

7. Technology, such as fax machines, E-mail, and the Internet are being explored as tools to prevent and reduce crime. Please call the Crime Prevention Unit with any ideas you might have, as to how we can work as partners to use technology to make our communities safer.

8. Report all suspicious and/or criminal activity by dialing 441-5610, and teach children to do the same. However, if you see a crime in progress, dial 9-1-1.

9. In the event that you witness a crime, **don't try to apprehend the perpetrator yourself!** Take note of any information which will be helpful to police, i.e. description of suspect's clothing, height, and weight. Also, note the description of weapons or vehicles, if any, and the suspect's direction of travel. Call or ask someone to call for police (9-1-1) immediately!

10. Engrave your property so that it can be easily traced and identified. Display a sticker at your residence or business alerting potential burglars that your property has been marked. Engravers and stickers can be obtained from the Crime Prevention Unit.

11. Officers in the Crime Prevention Unit will be glad to assist you either over the phone or during a scheduled security inspection of your residence or business.

**Crime Prevention Unit: 664-6901**

## LARCENY PREVENTION AND REDUCTION

1. Never leave valuable items in your vehicle. Leave them at home or in a secure place.

2. If you have valuable items in your vehicle, do not leave them in plain view. Lock them in your trunk or take them with you.

3. Never leave valuable items unsecured at your work place. Secure them and immediately report any suspicious persons wandering around the location.

4. Never leave your valuable items unsecured at your home, especially in your yard. These items should be secured inside if possible.

## POLICE CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS

### 1. Neighborhood Watch:

The Police Crime Prevention Unit, citizens, and businesses work in partnership to prevent and reduce crime at the neighborhood level by reporting suspicious or unusual people, vehicles, or activity to the police. Crime Prevention Officers are available to assist with developing a Neighborhood Watch Program in communities or businesses.

**Crime Prevention Unit: 664-6901**

### 2. Citizen's Academy:

Citizens have the opportunity to be educated in police operations and programs. The program was designed to provide Norfolk residents first-hand information about how their police department works and develops partnerships with citizens to help make the City of Norfolk a strong and safe community. Emphasis is placed on citizen involvement in neighborhood crime prevention programs. More information can be obtained by calling the Second Patrol Division and speaking with the Citizen's Academy Officer Coordinator at 664-6900.

### 3. Youth Academy:

The Youth Academy was designed to familiarize young people with the role of police officers. It will give them the opportunity to learn respect for the law by providing them with positive interaction with police, and motivate young people to be outstanding citizens through law enforcement education. The academy is open to both boys and girls, ages 5-18. Contact the Police Administration building at 664-3277 for more information.

### 4. Citizen Patrols:

This program involves unarmed citizens patrolling in their neighborhood with police officers to observe and deter criminal activity and other violations. Citizens are only asked to watch while police officers deal with any violations. (The Citizen Patrol is a volunteer program and may not be suitable for every neighborhood).

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